

Pre-conference Classes

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Weapons of Mass Destruction – 24-hour class, \$100, Hyatt, Friday-Sunday 8am-5pm, CE Category: 8-Prep; 8-Patient Assessment; 4-Clinically Related Operations; 4-Medical

This course, sponsored in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, will equip EMS and medical personnel with the skills to ensure proper patient triage, treatment and transport in the event of exposure to WMD (biological, nuclear, chemical and explosive weapons). Exercises will reinforce classroom lectures. Course will cover triage, mass decontamination, treatment and stabilization, and proper techniques for protecting the responders and limiting cross-contamination. For information, call Merlene Gayle at (979) 845-6827 or email her at merlene.gayle@teexmail.tamu.edu.

Saturday

Capnography – 4-hour class; \$60, Hyatt, Saturday 2-6pm, CE Category: Airway

In this course, you will learn about the prehospital use of capnography, a new clinical trend in ventilation. Capnography is considered the standard of care in all patient care environments and is in the AHA Guidelines 2000. The class discusses common terminology, physiology of CO₂, physics technology, clinical applications and waveform analysis, and will be reinforced by multiple research studies and case presentations. For information email Bob Page at bpagemlm@prodigy.net.

patient packaging for helicopter transport. This class will cover what factors to consider when choosing a landing zone, how to secure a landing zone, and how to operate safely around the aircraft. It will also cover special considerations when packaging patients for helicopter transport. Students will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on exercises. Lunch and transportation will be provided. For information contact Casey Ping at (512) 802-0200 or email at casey.ping@ci.austin.tx.us.

Child Safety Seat Distribution program training (4-hour)- 4-hour class, \$40, Hyatt, Saturday 2-6pm, CE Category: Additional

This class equips participants to conduct a short educational program to parents and caregivers in conjunction with child safety seat giveaway programs. Perfect for RACs who give away car seats. For information call Johnny Humphreys at (512) 458-7111 ext. 6640 or email Johnny.Humphreys@tdh.state.tx.us.

Grant Writing – 4-hour class, \$25, Hyatt, Saturday 1-5 pm; CE Category: Additional

Students will gain a working knowledge of the requirements of constructing effective funding proposals. Participants will receive specific examples of funding proposals and program objectives that may be used as a template for future funding proposals. Will include hands-on exercises. Funding resources will also be shared, including names of local and national foundations and an overview of government programs that may provide funding for specific client programs. For information contact Donna George at (254) 202-9466 or email dgeorge@hillcrest.net.

The Matrix of Injury Prevention Programs 3-hour class, \$20 Hyatt, Saturday 11 am – 2 pm CE Category: Additional

This is a fun and interactive injury prevention class where you will create a “take-home” injury prevention program based on the specific needs of your community. Perfect for people who are limited on time and resources for developing and executing a comprehensive injury prevention program. Lunch and doorprizes provided by injury prevention sponsors. For information, call Charla Mitchell at (806) 441-0242 or email her at spems@aol.com.

Helicopter Safety and Packaging

–4-hour class, \$35, STAR Flight Hanger, (Meet at the Hyatt at 8:15am) CE Category: Clinically Related Operations

In this class co-sponsored by Austin/Travis

County's STARFlight, San Antonio's AirLife, Scott and White's StatAir Care, and CareFlite, learn the basics of safe ground operations and



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Saturday & Sunday

High Angle – 16-hour class, \$160, 8am-5pm, Austin Fire Department Training Tower and cliffs at a greenbelt (meet at Hyatt at 7:15 am), CE Category: Prep-4, Trauma-6.5, Med-5, Spec Consid -0.5

Learn the basics of high angle rescue in this comprehensive two-day introductory course. Participants will have hands-on training in rappelling, hauls/lowers, basic knots, anchors, patient assessment and patient packaging. This class will fill fast. This class will award 16 hours of CE and includes all necessary equipment except personal helmets (fire okay) and leather gloves. If you are afraid of heights, this class is not for you – you will be hanging on ropes 80 feet in the air at times. Limited to 25 students. Lunch, a t-shirt and transportation included. For information, please contact Mike Foegelle at (254) 778-6744 or email him at mike.foegelle@tdh.state.tx.us or email John Green at john@texasroperescue.com.

Cave Rescue – 16-hour class, \$160, 8am-5pm, Austin Caves (meet at Hyatt at 7:15 am), CE Category: Prep-4, Trauma-6.5, Med-5, Spec Consid-0.5

Learn the basics of cave rescue in this comprehensive two-day course. This physically strenuous introductory cave class provides lots of hands-on training in patient assessment, patient packaging, hauls/lowers – all while underground in some of Austin's popular caves. All necessary equipment is provided except leather gloves and knee pads. Since you will be crawling through tight spaces in the dirt and mud, this class is not for anyone claustrophobic or who minds getting muddy. Limited to 25 students. This class will fill fast so sign up early. Lunch, a t-shirt and transportation included. For information contact Mike Foegelle at (254) 778-6744 or email mike.foegelle@tdh.state.tx.us or email John Green at john@texasroperescue.com.

Confined Space and Industrial Rescue – 16-hour class, \$160, 8am-5pm, Shaw Training Center (meet at Hyatt at 7:15 am), CE Category: Prep-4, Trauma-6.5, Med-5, Spec Consid-0.5

This course will refresh and reinforce the

use of rope rescue rigging skills and techniques utilized in the industrial environment. With 3 hours of lecture and 13 hours of hands-on skills and scenarios, participants should be prepared for a mentally and physically challenging class. Prerequisites REQUIRED: CORE or other confined space rescue class to the Operations level for non-permit entry rescue; NFPA 1670 Rope Operations or equivalent; and must actively participate on an Emergency Response Team or in the scope as a supervisor, authorized entrant or attendant during standard job capacity. Copies of certificates or class history must accompany registration along with daytime phone. Student must provide helmet, full-body or Class III harness, laced-up lug-soled boots, leather gloves and rugged clothing (FRC not required). For information, contact John Green at john@texasroperescue.com.

Search and Rescue – 16-hour class, \$150, Hyatt, Saturday/Sunday 8am-5pm, CE Category: Additional

Interested in search and rescue? Learn the general responsibilities, skills, abilities and equipment needed by anyone participating in search and rescue missions in this 16-hour course. The course will combine classroom instruction with practical, hands-on exercises that will simulate a real search and rescue mission. Topics include navigation, reading maps, search techniques, safety rules and common radio practices. Participants should wear appropriate clothing (no shorts or sleeveless shirts) and sturdy boots (no cowboy boots) or sturdy tennis shoes. Bring water, notebook, pen and simple, flat-base compass. Some snacks provided but lunch on own both days. For information, call Mike Stephens at (936) 674-6926 or email him at mikedstephens@hotmail.com.

EMS Managing Hazardous Materials – 16 hours; \$75, Radisson, Saturday/Sunday 8am-5:30pm, CE Category: Clinically Related Operations
Come and see how EMS can respond to a hazmat incident in



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Texas EMS/Trauma Registry Training Description

Come learn about the new TexasEMS/Trauma Registry System in a two-hour session. CE provided. Austin Convention Center, room 13B. No preregistration required. Features include how to manage your registry account, create your data reports, complete your web-based data entry form, internet data transmission, automatic data quality feedback, and data analysis tools. **Times:**

Sun: 1-3 & 4-6
Mon: 10-12; 1-3 & 4-6
Tue: 9-11; 2-4 & 4

this hazardous materials class designed specifically for EMS responders. This class awards 16 hours of CE and is limited to 40 students. For information contact Louis Berry at (512) 834-6700 or email Louis.Berry@tdh.state.tx.us.

Infection Control – 16-hour class, \$125, Austin EMS Training Facility, Saturday/Sunday 8am-5pm (meet at Hyatt at 7:15am), CE Category: Preparatory

This intense, two day seminar covers the basics of infection control in the prehospital setting. Topics include: chain of infection, disease spread, cleaning and disinfection, law compliance, immunizations, bioterrorism and post exposure treatments. For more information contact Penny Workman at (512) 834-6700 or email Penny.Workman@tdh.state.tx.us.

PHTLS – 16-hour class, \$225, Hyatt, Saturday/Sunday 8am-5pm, CE Category: Trauma

The new 5th edition Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (first time in Texas) will be introduced at the conference. The topics have been updated with the existing new research in emergency medicine. Course participants, as well as current PHTLS instructors, will be eligible to attend the instructor course on Monday night. If you have any questions concerning the new course or the instructor roll out please contact Anne McGowan at ABM@HLKN.TAMU.EDU or (979) 845-2202.

EMS Coordinator Seminar – 14-hour class, \$225, Hyatt, Saturday 12-6pm, Sunday 8am-5pm, NO CE

This course is intended to train Course Coordinators for Texas. Participants will be selected through a competitive application process. Limited to 20 attendees. No CE will be awarded. TDH regional offices will be accepting applications until July 15. To apply, send letter stating your intent and qualifications to your regional office. Attendees will be selected by August 1 and sent invoices. In order to confirm registration, the fee must be submitted to TDH no later than September 27, 2002. Lunch will be provided on Sunday only. Class

includes workbook that will be mailed to participants after fees are submitted. For information on the course and evaluation criteria, contact your regional office. Regional offices are listed on page 27 of this magazine.

Sunday

12-Lead ECG Interpretation Workshop – 8-hour class; \$100, Hyatt, Sunday 8am-5pm, CE Category: Medical

This nationally-acclaimed course is a high energy, fast-paced interactive workshop that keeps the student involved and focused. Favorite conference instructor Bob Page utilizes a multi-media presentation and proven techniques to deliver a workshop designed for field paramedics, no matter how much experience they have with 12-leads. This course is designed for fast learning and to gain experience by working more than 200 12-leads in the course. By the end of this workshop, participants will have working knowledge and easy-to-use tools necessary to determine axis and hemiblocks, bundle branch blocks, wide complex tachycardias and acute MI recognition. For information on class content, email Bob Page at bpagemlm@prodigy.net.

Spanish for EMS Personnel – 8-hour class; \$125, Hyatt, Sunday 8am-5pm, CE Category: Additional

Your patient speaks fluent Spanish; you don't. What do you do now? Designed for the non-native speaker, SFEMSP will enable you to obtain a patient history, complete the PCR, improve your vocabulary and pronunciation, ask illness and trauma-specific questions, and best of all, how to encourage a short reply. Whether you are a beginner, or *habla* a little, this course is for you! For information contact Lynne Dees at dosgatos@airmail.net.

Violent Patient Mgmt – 8-hour class, \$150, Hyatt, Sunday 8am-5pm, CE Category: Special Considerations

Learn techniques in violent patient management that are designed for use in a field setting, and are used to protect the professional and the client while minimizing the chance for injury to both. Minimizing liability for both the professional and the



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employer, while still protecting the client and the public, is emphasized. Learn a variety of control techniques using pressure points to assist with the management of the combative patient. In addition, learn how to restrain these patients safely, effectively and legally using equipment you already have in your possession. Limited to 24 students. For information contact Maria Ngo at interact@trainingexperts.biz.

Injury Prevention Evaluation – 4-hour class, \$40, Hyatt, Sunday 9 am-1 pm, CE Category: Additional

Do you have an injury prevention program but wonder about its effectiveness? What kind of an impact or difference is the program making? Learn how to analyze your program's effectiveness by applying proven program evaluation techniques. Find out if your program has had adequate formative evaluation; if your program goals and objectives are appropriate; and if your program design is evaluation friendly. For information contact Michael DeGuzman at (832) 824-2642 or email him at madeguzm@TexasChildrensHospital.org.

Working with the Deaf – 8 hours, \$100, Hyatt, Sunday 8am-5pm, CE Category: Additional

Learn basic sign language for medical personnel as you gain an understanding of deafness and learn appropriate signs to communicate and understand medical needs. After this class, you'll be able to ask the patient basic medical questions and communicate what you need the patient to do. Taught by Nancy Wheeler, a Texas Commission for the Deaf certified interpreter and an EMT. For information contact Nancy Wheeler at intrepidlady@hotmail.com.

Intro to ICS – 4-hour class, \$85, Hyatt, Sunday 8am-12pm, CE Category: Clinically Related Operations

Federal law mandates use of a standardized incident management system for many types of incidents, including hazmat, natural disasters and terrorism. Most public safety responders use Incident Command System for large and small incidents. This class will use Module 1 (I-100) from the Standardized Emergency Management System, and will employ supplemental material and practical applications to increase

the attendee's knowledge of ICS. For information contact Jeff Rubin at jeff.rubin@tvfr.com, or (503) 723-6754.

Moulage – 5-hour class, \$75, Austin Convention Center, Sunday 9 am – 2 pm, CE Category: Additional

Learn the basic concepts of disaster makeup using simple, easily purchased materials. Techniques covered include bruising, lacerations, burns, penetrating injuries and types of terrorism injuries. In addition to learning basic moulage techniques, students will learn the basics of setting up and preparing for a MCI exercise. Wear old clothes that can get ruined! This fast-paced class has no break for lunch so bring some snacks. Students will receive an intro moulage kit. Class limited to 30 students. For information contact Penny Workman at (512) 834-6700 or email penny.workman@tdh.state.tx.us.

Hospital Emergency ICS – 4-hour class, \$125, Hyatt, Sunday 1-5pm, CE Category: Additional

Federal law mandates use of a standardized incident management system for hazmat incidents and response to terrorism. New JCAHO standards require standardized hospital-based ICS training. This class includes a brief ICS orientation, nature and terminology of HEICS, specifics of the system, and guidelines for implementation. The class is targeted toward hospital and public safety employees tasked with assisting hospitals in emergency planning, training, and response, who have direct or significant supporting roles in emergency operations. Provides 4 hours of training in HEICS, representing the full recommended curriculum. Attendees with no prior ICS exposure are recommended to take the Introduction to ICS class in the morning. For information contact Jeff Rubin at jeff.rubin@tvfr.com, or (503) 723-6754.

Child Safety Seat Technician Update – 4-hour class, \$60 Hyatt, Sunday 1-6pm, CE Category: Additional

This class provides new information and serves as a refresher of core knowledge and skills for certified child passenger safety technicians. Must be certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician. For information contact Johnny Humphreys at (512) 458-7111 ext. 6640 or email Johnny.Humphreys@tdh.state.tx.us.



Patch Exchange

Monday, November 25
1-2 pm outside Exhibit Hall

Bring patches for trading! Sponsored by La Porte EMS. For information, email Joe Berry at berryj@ci.la-porte.tx.us



EMS Fact:

NHTSA estimated that 11,889 lives were saved in 2000 by the use of safety belts.